FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H. 3393

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TO: The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal

Affairs Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

ANALYSTS: R.J. Stein

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SUBJECT: Pharmacist-Administered Vaccinations

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES: See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3393 amends Chapter 43, Title 40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 40-43-190 which creates a 5-member Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee. The Committee is charged with developing a written protocol authorizing trained pharmacists to administer certain vaccines without an order from a practitioner. The Bill also amends Section 40-43-86(X)(1) relating to the dispensing of prescription drugs by emergency room physicians for a patient's immediate need. Current law limits the amount that may be dispensed to 3 days. This Bill increases the maximum that may be dispensed to 6 days.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

The Department reports that this Bill would have no impact on the State General Fund. Any costs associated with the activities of the Joint Committee would be covered by the fees collected by the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Examiners.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

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